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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 762 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ADDIS
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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, FT, SO, US

SUBJ: SOMALI SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS II

REFS: A) STATE 105216; B) USIA 12908; C) MOGADISCIO 0756

1. EMBASSY WISHES DRAW URGENT ATTENTION OF CONCERNED WASHINGTON
AGENCIES TO APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON
GSDR'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM (REFTEL (A)) AND VOA'S COVERAGE

OF SAME (REFTEL (B)). UNLESS WE ARE MISREADING MESSAGES, REFTEL
(A) ABSOLVES GSDR OF ANY FOREKNOWLEDGE OF AND DIRECT SUPPORT FOR
TERRORISM. VOA NEWS ITEM, HOWEVER, LUMPED SOMALIA IN WITH LIBYA,
IRAW AND SOUTH YEMEN "AS NATIONS THAT HAVE HELPED TERRORISTS IN
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RECENT YEARS".

2. OBVIOUSLY THIS DISCREPANCY, OF WHICH GSDR WILL SURELY BECOME
AWARE, UNDERMINES CREDIBILITY OF CHARGE'S EFFORTS PREVENT INCIDENT
FROM ESCALATING INTO ANOTHER RUSSIAN "BASES" FIASCO. DEPT SHOULD
NOT UNDERESTIMATE PUBLIC RELATIONS REPERCUSSIONS OF JAVITS/BENNETT
CORRESPONDENCE, WORD OF WHICH IS ALREADY CIRCULATING IN MOGADISCIO

DIPLOMATIC AND GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. IF CORRECT POSITION IS NOT PUT ON RECORD SOON, WE MAY BE FACED WITH EVEN MORE DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTIES WHEN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS BEGIN IN JUNE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON GSDR'S ROLE. ADDITIONALLY, IF REFTEL (A) DOES, IN FACT, REFLECT CORRECT POSITION, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE SOME REMEDIAL ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY TO UNDO UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF VOA ITEM. AT THE LEAST, REFTEL (A) PRESS GUIDANCE SHOULD BE RELEASED AND CARRIED BY VOA.

4. CHARGE'S MAY 11 APPOINTMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (REFTEL (C)) HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 0430 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME MAY 12.
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